



# 6th Grade Planning Checklist

**This checklist is designed to help you make the most of your time in school and to prepare you for college. It's never too soon to start planning your future!**

- Go to school every day. You can't learn if you're not there.
- Finish your homework and develop good study habits to get the best grades you can.
- Read books, magazines and newspapers regularly. College bound students read one book per month outside of class assignments.
- Practice your spelling, grammar and writing skills. It will pay off when you need to write your college and scholarship essays.
- Use the computer to help you with class projects, homework assignments or your college planning.
- Participate in academic enrichment programs or camps during school and summer breaks. Talk to your counselor for more details.
- Start saving money for college. Even though you might not have much of an income yet, get into the habit of saving even a little of what you do have.
- Ask your parents to look into saving money for college through a 529 plan or an Individual Development Account (IDA) which allows them to invest in your education tax free.
- Talk to people you know who attend college. Ask them what it's like. Ask what they had to do to get there. Ask them to help you get there.
- Make a list of school activities that interest you and add them to your college binder. Ask a teacher or counselor to help you get involved.

**DREAM BIG. WORK HARD. WE'LL HELP.**